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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON CURRENT PROBLEMS

1. AT A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY AMB. RIVERA APRIL 3, FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO CANDIDLY DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE OF CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH USG OFFICIALS. PRESENT ON SALVADORAN SIDE IN ADDITION TO AMB. AND FONMIN, WERE FONOFF OFFICIAL TRIGUEROS AND DIPUTADO PALOMO (PCN, SANTA ANA). US GUESTS INCLUDED AID ADMINISTRATOR HANNAH, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR KLEINE, CEN COUNTRY DIRECTOR LAZAR AND DEPUTY PEZZULLO AND OIC SLEIGHT. HIGHLIGHTS OF BORGONOVO'S REMARKS INCLUDED:

A: HONDURAS BORDER DISPUTE - FONMIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS PRESS INTERVIEW WITH HONDURAN PAPER HAD BEEN ILL-ADVISED, AND HAD PUT HIS HONDURAN COLLEAGUE IN A BIND WHICH HAD PRODUCED BATRES' OAS INITIATIVE. BOTH MINISTERS ACCORDINGLY SAW FURTHER RECOURSE TO OAS AS A DEVICE TO BUY TIME IN ORDER TO GIVE PROBLEM AN ADDITIONAL

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COOLING- OFF PERIOD. ARBITRATION WAS NOW THE STICKING POINT, AND NEITHER PARTY COULD BUDGE FROM ITS PRESENT POSITION WITHOUT CREATING INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES FOR ITSELF. IN SALVADOR, THE MINISTER CONCEDED, THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM WAS SOME ETWO YEARS; DIRECTOR FISHERIES RESEARCH, FEASIBILITY STUDIES INTER- OCEANIC FACTORS, INC. 1970 - PRESENT. AUTHOR MANY PUBLICATIONS; CONDUCTED FIELD STUDIES PERU, MEXICO, PANAMA, GHANA, SOUTH KOREA, COSTA RICA, JAPAN. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT 21 MONTHS.

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